

It was the parade after the first Super Bowl victory. Bill and Eddie DeBartolo and I were sitting on the rim of a car. We were worried that no one would show up. Some said that San Francisco doesn't do parades.

And then we turned down Market Street. And there were a million plus San Franciscans lining the streets.

I will never forget that moment.

Bill Walsh meant so much to this city.

He made the 49ers great at a point when the city needed it most.

The city was fragmented and divided in the early 1980s. Mayor George Moscone had been assassinated a few years earlier. There were riots. And there was little to bring us together.

But on Sundays, the differences melted away. The tensions diminished. The anxieties subsided.

There was nothing like Montana to Rice for an 80-yard touchdown. Nothing like a victory over the Los Angeles Rams. Nothing like a Super Bowl championship.

And on Mondays, after a victory, you would see a changed city. A little bit nicer, a little less mean.

So Bill Walsh brought this city together in ways that he, nor I, would ever really understand.

Football became the glue to bind this city together.

And during the 10 years I came to know Bill, I came to admire him, respect him, and love him.

And he made me, like so many others, a 49ers fan for life.

Bill Walsh, though, was more than a coach.

He was a leader. A mentor. A friend.

He didn't just revolutionize how football is played, but how it is coached and taught.

He believed, as I do, that the devil is in the details. And that you have to practice right to play right. He was the first to script the first 15 plays in a game.

And he didn't just coach men. He shaped them into good football players and good citizens.

His greatest skill may have been as a scout, identifying raw talent and sculpting it into masterpieces.

They said that Joe Montana didn't have a strong enough arm, that Jerry Rice wasn't fast enough, that Steve Young wasn't disciplined enough.

But Bill saw what other people missed. He saw the intangibles. He saw leadership. And work ethic. And character.

And there is no one who wouldn't want a Bill Walsh-coached player on their team.

Bill was a mentor as well. He wanted his players and coaches to fulfill their potential more than anyone. He encouraged them to spread their wings and go out on their own.

And you can see the results, more than half the coaches in the league have been in some way touched by Bill Walsh—either directly like Seattle Seahawk's Coach Mike Holmgren or

Indianapolis Colts' Coach Tony Dungy or indirectly, by the second and third generation coaches who may not have coached or played under Bill, but are teaching his offense nonetheless.

But I think what we will miss most is not Bill Walsh the coach, but Bill Walsh the person.

He was decent, and good, and kind.

Sure, he was tough. In football, just as in public life, you have to be.

But he was fair. He expected his players and coaches to spend the time and effort it takes to be great. But he did not expect anything from them that he was not prepared to give himself.

Bill once said, "Playing to one's full potential is the only purpose of playing at all."

The good news is that Bill fulfilled his purpose. He played to his full potential in everything he did.

I know I speak for all San Francisco when I say that this is a sad day. He will truly be missed.

Bill Walsh may have been called a "Genius" when it comes to football, but his legacy goes well beyond the Xs and Os.

He touched this city, and we owe him a debt that can never be repaid.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements be printed in the RECORD, as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 290) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 290

Whereas William Ernest Walsh was born on November 30, 1931, in Fremont, California;

Whereas Bill Walsh graduated from San Jose State University in 1955 where he was a successful amateur boxer and wide receiver;

Whereas, in 1955, he married Geri Nadini, with whom he had 3 children: Steve, Craig, and Elizabeth;

Whereas Bill Walsh began his coaching career at Washington High School in Fremont, California, and later served as an assistant coach at the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University;

Whereas Bill Walsh served as an assistant coach with the Oakland Raiders in 1966, with the Cincinnati Bengals from 1968 to 1975, and with the San Diego Chargers in 1976;

Whereas Bill Walsh served as head coach of Stanford University from 1977 to 1978 and again from 1992 to 1994, winning the Sun Bowl in 1977, the Bluebonnet Bowl in 1978, and the Blockbuster Bowl in 1992;

Whereas Bill Walsh became Head Coach of the San Francisco 49ers in 1979 and served in that position for 10 years, winning 6 Western Division titles and 3 National Football Conference Championships;

Whereas Bill Walsh led the 49ers to 3 Super Bowl wins in the 1980s: Super Bowl XVI, Super Bowl XIX, and Super Bowl XXIII;

Whereas Bill Walsh was the Associated Press and United Press International Coach of the Year in 1981;

Whereas Bill Walsh ended his professional coaching career with a record of 102 wins, 63 losses, and 1 tie;

Whereas Bill Walsh was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993;

Whereas Bill Walsh developed the innovative "West Coast Offense", which became widely used by many National Football League (NFL) teams;

Whereas Bill Walsh drafted and developed a countless number of NFL greats such as Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott, Dwight Clark, Steve Young, and Jerry Rice;

Whereas 14 of the NFL's 32 head coaches have some connection to Bill Walsh;

Whereas Bill Walsh developed the Minority Coaching Fellowship program to help African American coaches find jobs in the NFL and Division I college football;

Whereas Bill Walsh and the 49ers brought the people of San Francisco together following some of the most difficult times in the City's history and gave them much pride, joy, and excitement; and

Whereas Bill Walsh embodied the qualities of hard work, tenacity, dedication, attention to detail, respect, teamwork, and living up to one's potential: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors the life of William Ernest Walsh, a pioneer in the field of football, a true leader and teacher, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend.

NATIONALLY HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 291 which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 291) designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 291) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 291

Whereas there are 103 historically Black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities provide the quality education essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in the history of the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically Black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week

with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically Black colleges and universities in the United States.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2831

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 2831 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. CASEY. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2831) to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

Mr. CASEY. I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR FIRST READING OF FISA LEGISLATION

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the majority leader or his designee introduces FISA legislation on August 2, they be considered as having received their first reading on the legislative day of August 1, 2007.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 162, 230, 231, 243, 244, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 257 through 272, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk; further, that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from the following nominations: PN 579, Eric G. John to be Ambassador to Thailand, and PN 604, Michael Michalak to be Ambassador to Vietnam; that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from the following nominations: PN 479, Jill Sommers, and PN 480, Bartholomew Chilton, to be Commissioners of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011. (Reappointment).

Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES

David C. Geary, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2010.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Miguel Campaneria, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Diane Auer Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Daniel J. Darnell, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Lyn D. Sherlock, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Donald C. Wurster, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 8034 and 601:

To be general

Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Gen. John D. W. Corley, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brigadier General Robert R. Allardice, 0000
Brigadier General Herbert J. Carlisle, 0000
Brigadier General William A. Chambers, 0000
Brigadier General Kathleen D. Close, 0000
Brigadier General Charles R. Davis, 0000
Brigadier General Jack B. Egginton, 0000
Brigadier General David W. Eidsaune, 0000
Brigadier General Alfred K. Flowers, 0000
Brigadier General Maurice H. Forsyth, 0000
Brigadier General Marke F. Gibson, 0000
Brigadier General Patrick D. Gillett, Jr., 0000

Brigadier General Frank Gorenc, 0000
Brigadier General James P. Hunt, 0000
Brigadier General Larry D. James, 0000
Brigadier General William N. McCasland, 0000

Brigadier General Kay C. McClain, 0000
Brigadier General Robert H. McMahon, 0000
Brigadier General William J. Rew, 0000
Brigadier General Kip L. Self, 0000
Brigadier General Larry O. Spencer, 0000
Brigadier General Robert P. Steel, 0000
Brigadier General James A. Whitmore, 0000
Brigadier General Bobby J. Wilkes, 0000
Brigadier General Robert M. Worley, II, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Bradley S. MacNealy, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Michael J. Trombetta, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brigadier General Charles A. Anderson, 0000
Brigadier General Kevin J. Bergner, 0000
Brigadier General Daniel P. Bolger, 0000
Brigadier General James E. Chambers, 0000
Brigadier General Bernard S. Champoux, 0000
Brigadier General Robert W. Cone, 0000
Brigadier General Anthony A. Cucolo, III, 0000
Brigadier General Yves J. Fontaine, 0000
Brigadier General Mark A. Graham, 0000
Brigadier General David D. Halverson, 0000
Brigadier General Michael D. Jones, 0000
Brigadier General Purl K. Keen, 0000
Brigadier General David B. Lacquement, 0000
Brigadier General Raymond V. Mason, 0000
Brigadier General John F. Mulholland, Jr., 0000

Brigadier General Theodore C. Nicholas, 0000
Brigadier General Patrick J. O'Reilly, 0000
Brigadier General John E. Sterling, Jr., 0000